Impact of NREGP on rural poverty and unemployment

2613. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far it is a fact that the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP) not been able to make discernible impact on rural poverty and unemployment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in some States implementation of NREGP is in effective as well as misappropriation of funds;

(c) if so, what are those States and what steps Government is taking to effectively implement NREGP with earnest; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) NREGA aims at enhancing the livelihood security of households in rural areas by providing 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every household whose members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The objective of the Act is to create durable assets and strengthen the livelihood resource base of the rural poor. The choice of works suggested in the Act address causes of chronic poverty like drought, deforestation, soil erosion, so that the process of employment generation is on a sustainable basis. NREGA was launched in 200 districts on 2.2.2006. During the year, 2006-07, a total of 2.10 crore households were provided employment under NREGA in these districts. The Act was extended to 130 additional districts from April, 2007. During the year, 2007-08 (up to February, 2008) a total of 3.07 crore households have been provided employment.

(b) No, Sir. State-wise status of implementation of NREGA for the year 2007-08 is at Annexure-I. At the instance of Ministry of Rural Development, CAG has undertaken performance audit of NREGA for the year 2006-07 in 68 districts in 26 States. Some irregularities have been reported by CAG in its draft report. These mainly relate to procedures such as application for employment, issue of dated receipts, job card formats, muster rolls, maintenance of record registers. In addition, complaints have also been received from various quarters regarding irregularities in the implementation of NREGA.

(c) and (d) State-wise status of implementation of NREGA is given in the Statement (*See* below). States have been instructed to take following measures to achieve the objectives of the Act and to streamline the performance of the scheme:-

(i) General Awareness

(ii) Deployment of adequate staff with the implementing agencies and their training

(iii) People's participation in generating awareness

(iv) Vigilance and Monitoring

(v) Transparency

(vi) MIS

(vii) Regular reviews

Statement

State-wise details of implementation of NREGS in 2007-08 *(upto February,* 2008*)*

Sl. No.	States	No. of Districts	No. of house-holds issued job card	No. of households who have demanded employ-ment	No. of households provided employment	Person days In Lakhs Total	Expen-diture In Lakhs
1	Andhra Pradesh	19	8612273	4236930	4236930	1679.49	177220.4
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3	23584	34471	3993	2.99	274.12
3	Assam	13	1383671	1108099	1064220	412.43	45937.12
4	Bihar	38	6912090	3135518	3126380	652.45	81612.77
5	Chhattisgarh	15	2849345	2106106	2099497	1136.03	121155.01
6	Gujarat	9	841722	234863	234863	68.95	6600.02
7	Haryana	4	158607	64381	61395	30.05	4192.21
8	Himachal Pradesh	4	358533	237596	231921	79.19	10291.62
9	Jammu and Kashmir	5	246184	109020	108906	34.01	3666.73
10	Jharkhand	22	2932784	1486973	1486885	642.01	88716.91
11	Karnataka	11	1464531	393166	392930	174.19	20968.16
12	Kerala	4	416648	145122	140352	39.96	5459.28
13	Madhya Pradesh	31	7216892	4112062	4111899	2375.72	244372.21
14	Maharashtra	18	3086869	359743	359743	150.2	13762.8
15	Manipur	3	89329	112264	112264	38.21	3462.99
16	Meghalaya	5	121297	106434	105732	40.84	5034.21
17	Mizoram	4	88603	106673	106670	30.06	3396.15
18	Nagaland	5	70324	69969	69969	12.9	1491.11
19	Orissa	24	4004382	972288	942055	311.01	43577.93
20	Punjab	4	97021	43208	43208	15.04	2371.86
21	Rajasthan	12	2862694	2105274	2102121	1511.71	122629.75
22	Sikkim	3	29921	20010	18234	7.05	946.62
23	Tamil Nadu	10	2141235	1100269	1100269	636.01	49607.42
24	Tripura	3	465526	422200	420700	159.14	16770.21
25	Uttar Pradesh	39	7226489	3974448	3963599	1161.31	162801.6
26	Uttaranchal	5	336729	162234	162184	58.84	6990.98
27	West Bengal	17	8469386	4069380	3959166	765.39	74992.26
	TOTAL :	330	62506669	31028701	30766085	12225.17	1318302.43